

# Moving Wheat From Idaho to Consumers Around the World



# IDAHO WHEAT'S BIN-BUSTING YEAR

2020 Record Yields

All Wheat 96.7

Winter Wheat 101

Durum 89

bushels per acre

Wheat was Idaho's #2 agricultural export in 2019 

Idaho produced 50% of the country's hard white wheat

# 112,506,000

Idaho's total production in bushels in 2020, which is 16% greater than the 5-year average and the third-largest crop production on record.

#2 in the U.S. for average yield

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Export value: **\$348 MILLION**

Approximately half of Idaho's crop is exported



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#5 in the U.S. in total production

#10 in the U.S. for harvested area  
1,164,000 acres

## PRODUCTION STATS BY CLASS

	Bushels	% of Total
Total		
Soft White	73,363,950	65%
Hard White	11,026,950	10%
Hard Red Winter	11,998,800	11%
Hard Red Spring	15,315,300	14%
Durum	801,000	<1%

# Idaho Wheat Facts

**Idaho has one of the most consistent harvests of any wheat-growing area.**

Wet springs and warm, dry summers combined with rich volcanic solids create ideal conditions for our high-quality wheat. Nearly **2/3 of Idaho wheat** is grown under irrigation, allowing for Idaho growers to manage the crop to customers' specifications.

**Total Cash** receipts in 2019 were roughly **\$500 million.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Largest Crop

**42** of Idaho's counties grow **Wheat**  
*Custer and Shoshone are the only outliers.*



About **1/2 of the 100 million** bushels produced each year in Idaho are exported.

Top recipients are *Japan, Mexico, the Philippines, Korea, China and Taiwan.*

Idaho is uniquely positioned to access the global marketplace by moving grain through the **Columbia-Snake River** system to Portland, and then onto foreign customers.

The **other 50 %** of Idaho's wheat crop stays in the U.S. and ends up in popular foods and brands, like *Pepperidge Farms Goldfish crackers, Wheat Chex & Wheaties cereal, Barilla pasta and Mission tortillas.*

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In 2019, **Idaho was the highest-yielding state** in the nation.

**Idaho ranked 6<sup>th</sup>** among wheat-producing states at more than **100 million bushels.**

*(among states producing at least 5 mil bushels with an average of 87 bushels per acre)*

# Snake River – Columbia River Transport System



<http://www.idahowheat.org/down-the-river>

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# Barging

- Most environmentally-friendly mode of transportation
- Provides Idaho wheat growers cost-effective access to international markets
- Nearly 10% of the nation's total wheat exports move by barge through the four dams on the Snake River

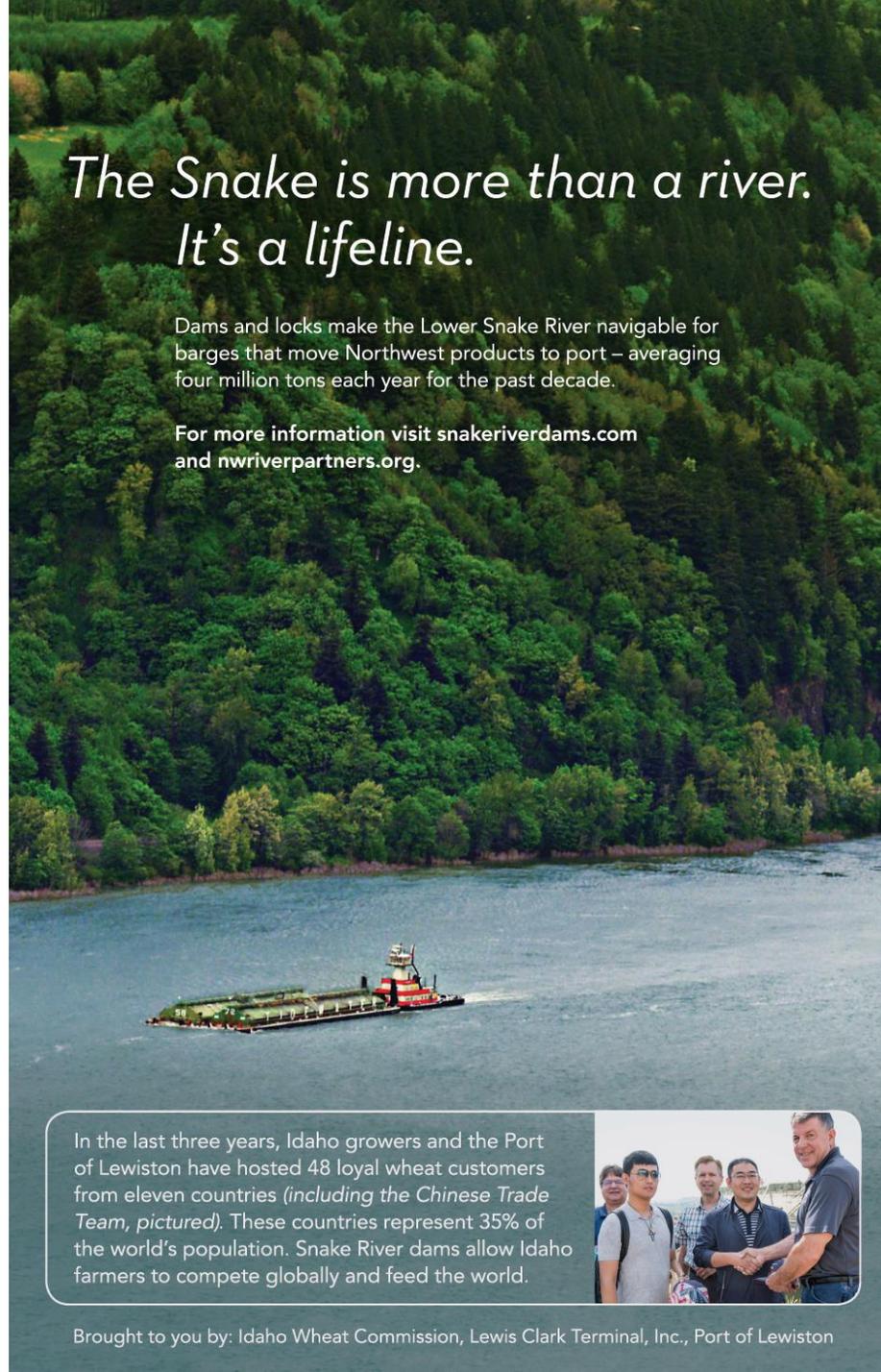
**The 4,500 farm families who grow Idaho wheat and barley rely on the river system to get their crop to market.**



# *The Snake is more than a river. It's a lifeline.*

Dams and locks make the Lower Snake River navigable for barges that move Northwest products to port – averaging four million tons each year for the past decade.

For more information visit [snakeriverdams.com](http://snakeriverdams.com)  
and [nwrivernpartners.org](http://nwrivernpartners.org).



In the last three years, Idaho growers and the Port of Lewiston have hosted 48 loyal wheat customers from eleven countries (including the *Chinese Trade Team*, pictured). These countries represent 35% of the world's population. Snake River dams allow Idaho farmers to compete globally and feed the world.



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